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NOTE FOR: Mr. Duckett

SUBJECT: Conversation with

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1. Called who is very understanding. He made clear that he understands the panel meets at the pleasure of the Director, and if the Director says they shouldn't meet, they shouldn't meet.

2. He expressed concern about impact on the members. They are all aware this is a critical time concerning urgent issues. Canceling out at this time could well give the impression that the panel serves as "window dressing" since it does not meet when the pot is really boiling. Cancellation at this point, he feels, could well bring about the resignation of some of the panel members.

3. If the meeting is canceled he feels it important that each member be given a statement that would be mutually agreeable to you and so that there is no chance of being inconsistent.

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4. He feels this sufficiently important that he would like to talk to you. He will be in L.A. today and tomorrow. He gave me his home phone number. He says he would not object to being bothered at any time you have a minute to call him.

5. One additional point on the meeting--if it is canceled at this point he would doubt that it could be convened again until September.

6. I told him I would discuss with you the possible implications and negative impact on the members, and we would be in touch with him.

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